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### 2. Approaches.

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- b. [redacted] the controlling depths in various portions of the channel, [redacted] guaranteed a minimum depth of 29 feet. [redacted] there was at least 32 feet of water at all points in the channel and alongside the quay [redacted]

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- c. Pilotage and tug service was very good.

### 3. Berths.

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b.

- c. There is space for two ships at a time in the grain berths.   
 -- and   
 three or four ships can be accommodated along the Tote Weichsel to the northeastward of the grain berths.

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- d. observed several geosnecked portal cranes in the port,

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- e. observed oil storage tanks along the Tote Weichsel

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- f. believes that there are six or seven rail lines on the quay

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#### 4. Cargo handling.

- a.   
 longshore gangs were employed simultaneously, depending upon availability of cranes, railroad cars, and/or labor. A stevedore gang consisted of about 10 men, including the crane operator and levelers in the cars. Cargo was worked 24 hours per day.

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- b. grain was unloaded by suckers discharging directly to the elevators, and railroad cars were filled from the elevator. About five men constituted a stevedore gang for this type of operation except when the grain was low in a hold and additional sweepers were employed. Only two suckers were available, and only two holds were worked at a time. The operation was in progress 24 hours per day.

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- c. there were always two ships in the grain berths, and both ships discharged at the same time.   
 noted some coal being loaded for export, and boxed and baled general cargo being both loaded and discharged.

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[redacted]

All of the ships observed were freighters, and many of them were quite small.

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6. Shipbuilding and repair. The only shipbuilding activity noted was in the area [redacted] Strohdeich [redacted]

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[redacted] a shipyard located in this area is building big fisheries mother-ships, which [redacted] are for delivery to the Soviet Union. [redacted] one such ship nearing completion moored alongside the shipyard in the Mottlau river; and another of the same type, which appeared to be new, passed out the Tote Weichsel bound for sea. [redacted]

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7. Harbor improvement. The Hafen Kanal is being widened 50 feet or more along the entire north bank as marked "4" on enclosure (1). It is also being widened by cutting off the corner on the south bank at Neufahrwasser or Nowy Port. [redacted] This work is being done by power shovels on shore; no dredges were observed at work in the channel. Material removed was trucked away rather than being loaded to barges. No other work on harbor improvement was observed.

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8. Military installations.

- a. [redacted] saw a few Polish coast guard motor launches in the harbor, all of them small. [redacted] the launches [redacted] were small, not over 50 feet in length, and they all appeared old. They were observed only inside the river and canal.

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- b. [redacted] no barracks, guns, radar sites, or other military installations. The only radio station [redacted] was at the pilot station located where the Freihafen and Hafen Kanal join. [redacted] saw very few soldiers and no sailors ashore. [redacted]

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